

**REMARKS**

The Office Action has alleged that claims comprise two distinct inventions: Group I (claims 1-8) and Group II (claims 9-14). Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-8) for prosecution, without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits of this application is now respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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